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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H09-319508, which was published on December 12, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-003349, which was published on January 6, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on pages 3 and 6 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-148347 A, which was published on May 26, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is discussed on page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-282450 A, which was published on

October 12, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that

this document is discussed on page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite

the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed herewith and are listed

on the attached PTO-1449 Form. Applicant requests that the Exmainer initial the appropriate

spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with

the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these

documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

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